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## TITLE

ADAPTING SHORT-RANGE WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN A COORDINATED NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT

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**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ADAPTING SHORT-RANGE WIRELESS ACCESS  
POINTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN A COORDINATED NETWORKED ENVIRONMENT**

**Cross Reference to Related Applications**

This application is co-pending with and claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 120 as to its common subject matter the filing date of patent application serial number 09/637,742, filed August 11, 2000, and patent application serial number 09/657,745, filed September 10, 2000.

**Background of the Invention**

**Field of Invention**

The invention relates generally to wireless networks, and more particularly to an adapter method for extending stand-alone wireless access points to enable their delivery of an integrated solution within a network environment.

**Description of the Prior Art**

Short-range wireless technologies such as 802.11, Bluetooth, HomeRF, and others are being rapidly deployed to allow mobile devices to connect with existing intra-building wired Local Area Networks (LANs). To enable this connectivity, wireless access points are being developed by various manufacturers. An example of such an access point is the Aironet 340 access point (an 802.11 type access point) manufactured by Cisco Systems, Inc. of San Jose, California. Another example is the AXIS 9010 access point (a Bluetooth type access point) manufactured by Axis Corporation of Lund, Sweden.

Traditional wireless access points provide limited functionality, essentially limited to enabling a so-called "hotspot" of connectivity to the LAN. The access point operates